

# PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

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### **Philadelphia Eagles Practice Raises \$475,000+ for Eagles Autism Challenge**

*More than 40,000 fans attended the team's training camp practice on Sunday evening at Lincoln Financial Field, raising more than \$475,000 for cutting-edge autism research and care in Philadelphia*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Digital assets from Sunday's practice can be downloaded by [clicking on the link here](#). Photo credit can be attributed to the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Philadelphia Eagles hosted their training camp practice at Lincoln Financial Field on Sunday, August 4, to a crowd of more than 40,000 fans. As part of Military Appreciation Night presented by Dietz & Watson, the evening focused on celebrating our country's armed forces, which included an honorary post-practice jersey exchange between Eagles players and military personnel on the field.

As the team's signature fundraising event, the Eagles Autism Challenge sets out to drive scientific breakthroughs and establish Philadelphia as a major center for autism research and care. The funds raised through the team's practice will provide critical resources to doctors and scientists at leading institutions so that those affected by autism will have an improved quality of life.

"On behalf of the Philadelphia Eagles, we would like to thank everyone who came out to support our team tonight at Lincoln Financial Field," said Don Smolenski, Philadelphia Eagles President. "We have incredible fans and are excited to have their support as we honor the men and women in uniform while also raising more than \$475,000 for cutting-edge autism research."

In total, more than 45,000 fans have attended Eagles Training Camp this season, which includes Sunday's practice and the seven practices held at the NovaCare Complex, the team's training facility. Practices at NovaCare have averaged approximately 500 fans per day, which includes youth football participants, high schools, community groups, and families faced with various hardships.

Philadelphia Eagles Training Camp is presented by Independence Blue Cross.

#### **About the Philadelphia Eagles**

The Philadelphia Eagles are a National Football League franchise representing the NFC East Division. Established on July 8, 1933, the club was originally purchased by a group led by Bert Bell who moved the Frankford Yellow Jackets to Philadelphia and renamed them the Eagles. Now owned by Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Lurie, the Eagles are regarded as one of the league's storied franchises, having appeared in three Super Bowls, winning three NFL Championships, capturing the Lombardi Trophy at Super Bowl LII and featuring 15 Pro Football Hall of Famers. Since 2003, Lincoln Financial Field has been home to the Eagles, a state-of-the-art venue in South Philadelphia that serves as a prime destination for world-class entertainment. Spearheaded by Lurie, the Eagles Autism Challenge is the club's signature fundraising event that annually raises millions of dollars for innovative autism research and programs. For more information, visit [www.PhiladelphiaEagles.com](http://www.PhiladelphiaEagles.com).

